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July, 1976.

To: The Chairman and Members of The
River Tees Port Health Authority.

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year ended 31st December, 1975.

As you will see there has been a reduction of ships arriving in the port to the extent of 302 vessels and slightly over one millions tons less than used the port last year. This is no doubt due to the general economic recession in world trade during 1975.

During the year we have seen the opening of the pipeline delivering oil direct from the North Sea with the result that the River Tees has now become an oil exporting port. I think we can look forward to a substantial increase in shipping due to this important development.

I should also like to record my gratitude to the staff of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority, H.M. Customs and Excise, Immigration Officers and the Tees Pilotage Authority for their help and co-operation, and I must pay tribute to the invaluable work of Mr. K. Abigail, Clerk to the Authority and his staff.

Finally, I take this opportunity of thanking personally you, Mr. Chairman, and Members of the Port Health Authority, for your support and encouragement throughout the year.

W. B. CURRY,
Chief Port Health Officer,
River Tees Port Health Authority.

THE TEESSIDE ORDER, 1967

ARTICLE 32

1. In the River Tees Port Sanitary Order (1925(b)), for the second schedule—

   (a) in article 5(1)(a) for "the number of members of the joint board shall be increased to twenty-five" there shall be substituted "the number of members of the joint board shall be seventeen."

   (b) for the second schedule thereto there shall be substituted the schedule set out in Schedule 9.

2. The members of the River Tees Port Health Authority other than the members appointed by the council of the county borough of Hartlepool shall retire on the appointed day. Members shall be appointed by the new county borough council to come into office on the appointed day and hold office until 4th June, 1969.

3. If the Hartelpool Order 1966 is not approved by a resolution of each House of Parliament paragraph (2) and Schedule 9 shall have effect with the substitution for the "council of the County borough of Hartlepool" of "the rural district council of Stockton."

4. Article 59 of the County of Durham Review Order 1936 (c) and article 54 of the County of Durham Review Order 1937 (d) shall cease to have effect.

5. The River Tees Port Sanitary Order 1925, the River Tees Port Health Amendment Order 1938(e), the Port Health Authorities (Election and Retirement of Members) Order 1950(f) and this article may be cited together as the River Tees Port Health Orders 1925 to 1967.

RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

JURISDICTION

The River Tees Port Sanitary Authority was constituted by an Order of the Local Government Board in 1886, the jurisdiction of the Authority being so much of the Ports of Middlesbrough and Stockton as lie between the bridge which crosses the River Tees at Stockton and an imaginary straight line drawn from and including the South Gare Breakwater to a point at which the Port of Middlesbrough joins the Port of Hartlepool, together with the waters of the said port within such limits, and the places for the time being appointed as the Customs Boarding Stations for the said portions of the Ports of Middlesbrough and Stockton above described and every other place for the time being appointed for the mooring or anchoring of ships within the said portions of the said ports, under any regulations for the prevention of the spread of diseases issued under the authority of the Statutes in that behalf. And the Watersides of the District constituted as aforesaid and the Docks, Basins and Creeks belonging to the said portions of the said ports which are included in such district.

This comprises about 10 miles of river with the wharves and docks, etc., on both banks.

RIVER TEES PORT HEALTH AUTHORITY

MEMBERSHIP 1975/76

Representing Hartlepool D.C.
- Councillor H. S. Gardner
- Councillor W. S. Jervis, J.P.

Representing Langbaurgh D.C.
- Councillor Mrs. I. M. Cole
- Councillor Mrs. A. Collins (from 8.8.75)
- Councillor J. S. Dyball
- Councillor R. Hall, F.I.D. (to 8.8.75)
- Councillor W. Herlingshaw — Chairman
- Councillor S. Tombe

Representing Middlesbrough D.C.
- Councillor D. A. Biewer, S.R.N., R.M.N.
- Councillor G. A. Burns — Vice-Chairman
- Councillor Mrs. M. C. Dancey, S.R.N., H.V.
- Councillor L. Poole, B.E.M., J.P.
- Councillor R. W. Porter

Representing Stockton D.C.
- Councillor D. J. Borgars, M.A., B.Sc.(Oxon.)
- Councillor B. C. Hodgson
- Councillor J. Hudson
- Councillor Mrs. M. O.'Brien, S.R.N.
- Councillor W. E. Reveley

Clerk to the Authority:
- K. Abigail, LL.B., Solicitor

Treasurer to the Authority:
- E. Robinson, I.P.F.A.

Port Medical Officer (Seconded from the Cleveland Area Health Authority):
- J. E. H. Tullis, M.B., Ch.B., L.R.C.P.(Edin.), L.R.C.S.(Edin.), L.R.F.P. & S.(Glasg.), M.F.C.M.

SECTION I — STAFF

TABLE A

Name of Officer	Nature of Appointment	Date of Appointment
W. B. Curry, M.E.H.A.	Chief Port Health Officer	1.1.1972
R. M. Chalmers, M.E.H.A.	Deputy Chief Port Health Officer	1.5.1972
J. R. Darling	Assistant Port Health Officer	1.5.1966
A. J. Bocock	Technical Assistant	25.6.1973
A. Paterson	Technical Assistant	3.2.1975

ADDRESSES

Chief Port Health Officer:
79 Borough Road, MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland. TS 1 3AA
Telephone Number: (0642) 43129
Telegraphic Address: "PORTELTH MIDDLESBROUGH"

Clerk to the Authority:
Langbaurgh Town Hall, Fabian Road, South Bank,
MIDDLESBROUGH, Cleveland. TS6 9AR
Telephone Number: (06-495) 68141

SECTION II

AMOUNT OF SHIPPING ENTERING THE DISTRICT DURING THE YEAR

TABLE B

Ships from	Number	Tonnage (Net)	Number inspected		Number of Ships reported as having or having had during the voyage, infectious disease on board
			By a Port Medical Officer	By a Port Health Officer	
Foreign Ports ...	1,986	7,797,646	72	1,923	3
Coastwise ...	1,698	2,069,060	1	1,467	—
Total	3,684	9,866,706	73	3,390	3

The amount of shipping entering the Port during the year showed a decrease of 302 vessels, i.e. 3,684 ships as against 3,986 in 1974.

A comparison with the year 1970 is given below :

Year	Arrivals	Net Tonnage
1970	4,279	8,982,915
1975	3,684	9,866,706

SECTION III

CHARACTER OF SHIPPING AND TRADE DURING THE YEAR

TABLE C

Passenger Traffic	Number Passengers Outwards	6,648
	Number Passengers Inwards	6,930
Cargo Traffic	Principal IMPORTS	Crude Oils, Iron Ore, Chemicals, Petroleum Products, Other Ores, Crude Fertilisers & Crude Minerals.
	Principal EXPORTS	Petrol Oils, Chemicals, Slag, Iron & Steel, Chemical Fertilisers, Machinery, Pitch, Manufactured Goods.

Principal Ports from which ships arrive : Rotterdam, Rozenburg, Antwerp, Copenhagen, Hamburg, Zueitina, Terneuzen, Narvik, Bremen, Gothenburg, Helsinki, Ras Es Sider, Stenungsund, Oslo, Brunsbuttel, Dakar, Le Harve, Puerto Miranda, Bayonne, Eleusis, Japanese, South African & West African Ports.

SECTION IV — INLAND BARGE TRAFFIC

There is no barge traffic on the River Tees.

SECTION V — WATER SUPPLY

1. (a) Source of supply for the district: The water is drawn from the Teesside Water supply, which is maintained by the Tees Valley and Cleveland Water Board. This water is kept under constant supervision and is abundant and of good quality.

   (b) For shipping: Vessels obtain their supplies from hydrants on the wharves and docks, the town supply serving these hydrants. There are no water boats in service on the Tees.

   Some of the tugs in service in the port are occasionally called upon to supply drinking water to ships that have been delayed at anchorage in Tees Bay.

2. Precautions taken against contamination of hydrants and hose pipes. Hydrant Boxes are covered by close fitting steel covers when not in use, and all hoses are kept in specially constructed lockers. Frequent checks are undertaken to see that these arrangements are strictly complied with.

3. One hundred and twenty-two samples of drinking water were taken from vessels and hydrants during the year under review and submitted for bacteriological examination.

   No adverse report was received in respect of four samples taken from various hydrants and hoses. Water supply personnel are to be commended on the way they have carried out their duties which at times can be under most adverse conditions for without the efficient maintenance of hydrants, stand-pipes and supply hoses it would not be possible to ensure 100% potable supply of drinking water.

   Ten of the remaining one hundred and sixteen samples proved to be unsatisfactory. In all instances of adverse bacteriological reports the Master of the vessel concerned is notified, tank cleaning procedure is carried out followed by chlorination of tanks, pipeline systems, etc. Follow up samples are taken after the necessary work has been completed to verify that the contamination has been eliminated. Excellent co-operation has always been given by the vessels owners and masters.

   In the event of the ship sailing from the port before the results of sampling is known the owners are given detailed information should the sample prove to be unsatisfactory. Instructions are then passed by them to the Master.

   When the vessel is proceeding coastwise, the U.K. port health authority concerned is given full details of the condition prevailing onboard for any necessary action they think fit.

SECTION VI — PUBLIC HEALTH (SHIPS) REGULATIONS, 1970

1. **List of infected areas:**

Lists of infected areas are compiled each week from the Weekly Record of quarantinable disease and copies are supplied to H.M. Customs Waterguard, Tees Pilotage Authority, Tees Harbour Master and Immigration Officers.

2. **Radio Messages:**

(a) It has not been found necessary up to the present at this port to send permission by radio for ships to enter the district. Arrangements have been made however to send such messages through Cullercoats Radio Station.

(b) Arrangements have been made for radio messages from ships to be sent direct to the duty Port Officer either in plain language or in code using the 1969 International Code of Signals.

3. **Notification otherwise than by radio (Regulation 14(1)(b)):**

Arrangements have been made for messages to be sent by morse code in Tees Bay to the Light keepers on the breakwater and such messages are telephoned to the duty Port Health Officer. Ships with infectious disease onboard are held in quarantine until visited by the Port Medical Officer.

4. **Mooring Stations (Regulation 22–30):**

Ships which are infected or suspected on account of one of the major infectious diseases will be directed to Ichaboe Buoys. Should this prove impracticable owing to the length and draft of the vessel a quay berth would be allocated to her. Ships entering the Port with a case or suspected case of infectious disease, other than one of the major infectious diseases are allowed to proceed to their place of mooring, but are quarantined until visited by a Port Medical Officer and declared clear.

SECTION VIII — SMALLPOX

1. **Name of Isolation Hospital to which smallpox cases are sent from the district:**

Langley Park Isolation Hospital (near Durham City)
Telephone Number: 038-574-302.

Dryburn Hospital must be alerted to the possibility of having to open Langley Park Isolation Hospital and make ready to receive smallpox case. Adequate notice is required. Absolute minimum time required is not less than two hours and this would have to be extended in winter conditions.

2. **Arrangements for the transport of such cases to hospital by ambulance:**

Vessels concerned would be quarantined at a berth alongside allocated by the Harbour Master.

Case(s) would be removed to Langley Park Isolation Hospital by Durham County Ambulance Service.

Telephone Number: 0385-64488

3. **Name(s) of Smallpox Consultant available:**

These are in accordance with the Department of Health regional panel of consultants:

Dr. T. A. Grimson,
Dryburn Hospital.
Telephone: Hospital No. 0368-64911 Home: 078-384-3260

Dr. J. R. Lauckner,
Newcastle General Hospital.
Telephone: Hospital No. 0632-36206 Home: 0632-887037

4. **Facilities for Laboratory Diagnosis of Smallpox:**

These facilities are provided at the Area Public Health Laboratory, Newcastle General Hospital.

Public Health Laboratory	Telephone No. 0632-38811 (Ex. 297)
Director: Dr. J. H. Hale	Home Tel. No. 0632-676624
Asst. Director: Dr. A. A. Codd	Home Tel. No. 066-12-3598

The vaccinal state of the Porth Health Authority is reviewed regularly.

SECTION VIII — VENEREAL DISEASE

There are Special Treatment Centres at the General Hospital, Ayresome Green Lane, Middlesbrough; and North Tees General Hospital, Hardwick, Stockton.

All seamen found to be suffering from these diseases are directed to attend for treatment.

Treatment is available at the General Hospital, Middlesbrough:

Monday and Friday	10 a.m.	—	Noon
Wednesday and Thursday	4-30 p.m.	—	6 p.m.

North Tees General Hospital, Stockton:

Tuesday	4-30 p.m.	—	6 p.m.

The number of merchant seamen attending the clinic is again lower than the previous year.

SECTION IX — TABLE D

CASES OF NOTIFIABLE AND OTHER INFECTIOUS DISEASES ON SHIPS

Category	Disease	Number of cases during the year		Number of ships concerned
		Passengers	Crew	
Cases landed from ships from foreign ports	Malaria	—	2	2
Cases which have occurred on ships from foreign ports but have been disposed of before arrival	—	—	—	—
Cases landed from other ships	—	—	—	—

SECTION X

OBSERVATIONS ON THE OCCURRENCE OF MALARIA ON SHIPS

There has been two cases of Malaria fever on vessels arriving in the port.

SECTION XI

MEASURES TAKEN AGAINST SHIPS INFECTED WITH OR SUSPECTED FOR PLAGUE

There have not been any vessels arriving in the port infected with or suspected for plague during the year.

SECTION XII

MEASURES AGAINST RODENTS IN SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

1. **Procedure for inspection of ships for rats:**

All ships arriving in the port from foreign ports and as many coastwise vessels as is possible are inspected by the inspectorial staff and a thorough search is made for indications of rodent infestation.

Where indications of rodent infestation are found traps are set and specimens are submitted to the Public Health Laboratory for examination and the vessel is ordered to be deratted, either by fumigation, poisoning or trapping, according to the circumstances.

2. **Arrangements for pathological examination of rodents:**

Arrangements have been made for the pathological examination of rodents at the Public Health Laboratory, Middlesbrough General Hospital.

3. **Arrangements in the district for deratting ships and the methods used:**

Deratting of ships at this port is carried out either by fumigation with H.C.N. or Methyl Bromide. In certain cases poisoning is carried out by means of Sodium Fluoroacetate.

TABLE E

RODENTS DESTROYED DURING THE YEAR ON SHIPS FROM FOREIGN PORTS

Category	Number
Black Rats	20
Brown Rats	Nil
Sent for Examination ...	2
Infected with Plague ...	Nil

In addition, 1 Brown rat was caught and destroyed on wharves. Treatment carried out at various locations on wharves with apparent success although no bodies were recovered.

TABLE F

DERATTING CERTIFICATES AND DERATTING EXEMPTION CERTIFICATES ISSUED DURING THE YEAR

Number of Deratting Certificates Issued					No. of Deratting Exemption Certificates Issued	Total Certificates Issued
After Fumigation with		After Trapping	After Poisoning	Total		
HCN	Other Fumigants					
1	—	—	—	1	110	111

SECTION XIII — INSPECTION OF SHIPS FOR NUISANCES

TABLE G

INSPECTION NOTICES

Nature and number of inspections		Notices served		Result of serving Notice
		Statutory Notices	Other Notices	
Foreign going vessels	1,923	—	38	37 Remedied
Coastwise	1,467	—	16	16 Remedied
TOTAL	3,390	—	54	53 Remedied

GENERAL SANITARY SUPERVISION

During the year 38 informal notices dealing with 105 nuisances were served.

Alleyway Composition Deck to repair	1
Alleyway Linoleum to repair ...	2
Alleyway to clean and repaint	1
Asian Toilet Footrest to repair	1
Bacon Slicer and Potato Peeler to repair	1
Baking Oven Door Handle to repair	1
Bathroom to clean and repaint	2
Bathroom Deck Tiles to replace	1
Cabin Deckhead to make water-tight	2
Cabin to repaint	2
Cockroach Infestation	5
Dark Smoke Emission	12
Domestic Refrigerator to clean	1
Domestic Rrefrigerator to defrost	1
Domestic Refrigerator to clean and defrost	1
Drying Room Light Bulb to replace	1
Fresh Water Tank Filler Cap to repair	1
Fresh Water Tank to cement wash	2
Fresh Water Tank to clean ...	1
Fresh Water Tank to clean and wash out after contamination	1
Fresh Water Tanks to be chlorinated	1
Galley to clean	2
Galley to clean and repaint ...	2
Galley to repaint	1
Galley Sink Grease Trap Cover to replace	1
Galley Sink Wastepipe to renew	2
Galley Sink Wastepipe to repair	1
Galley Working Surfaces to renew	1
Insect Infestation in Cargo Spaces	1
Laundry Room Sink Waste to clear	1
Messroom to clean	1
Messroom to clean and repaint	1
Messroom Table Top to renew	1
Mouse Infestation	2
Pantry Deck to clean	1
Pantry Sink Plug to renew ...	1
Pantry to clean and repaint ...	1
Provide Temporary Heating throughout Accommodation	1
Provide Temporary Lighting throughout Accommodation	1
Saloon to repaint	1
Sanitary Water Pump to repair	1
Shower Rose to replace ...	1
Soilpipe fracture to repair ...	1
Scupper to clear	5
Toilet and Washplace to be cleaned	1
Toilet Flushpipe to replace ...	1
Toilet Flushvalve to repair ...	4
Toilet Pan to clear	1
Toilet Pan to renew	2
Toilet to clean	4
Toilet to clean and repaint ...	5
Toilet to repaint	2
Toilet Wastepipe to renew ...	2
Washbasin to renew	2
Washbasin Wastepipe to make watertight	1
Washbasin Wastepipe to renew	1
Water Boiler to repair	1
Weevil Infestation	3
Window Glass to renew ...	2
Window Rubber to renew ...	1
	105

SECTION XIV

PUBLIC HEALTH (SHELLFISH) REGULATIONS 1934 and 1948

The Regulations refer to the gathering and sale for human consumption of Shellfish which may be infected.

In 1932 the River Tees Port Health Authority made Regulations under the Public Health Act, 1896, prohibiting the sale or offering for sale any mussels, cockles, periwinkles or other shellfish taken from within the District, unless and until such Shellfish have been relaid for such period as may be directed.

There are no beds laid in the Tees estuary. The River Police keep the collecting of Shellfish from the banks of the river under observation.

All Shellfish in the area are liable to pollution. No action has been taken during the year under the above Regulations or the Food and Drugs Act, 1955.

SECTION XV

MEDICAL INSPECTION OF ALIENS AND COMMONWEALTH IMMIGRANTS

1. **List of Medical Inspectors of Aliens and Commonwealth Immigrants holding Warrants of appointment:**

   Dr. P. S. R. Burrell, District Community Physician, North Tees Health District.
   Dr. J. A. Davison, Specialist in Community Medicine (Child Health), Cleveland Area Health Authority.
   Dr. H. C. Milligan, District Community Physician, Hartlepool Health District.
   Dr. R. Taylor, Senior Medical Officer, Cleveland Area Health Authority.
   Dr. J. Tilley, Specialist in Community Medicine (Local Authority Liason), Cleveland Area Health Authority.
   Dr. J. Tolland, District Community Physician, South Tees Health District.
   Dr. J. E. H. Tullis, Senior Medical Officer, Cleveland Area Health Authority, and Port Medical Officer.
   Dr. A. Young, Senior Medical Officer, Hartlepool Health District.

2. **List of other staff engaged in the work:** None.

3. **Organisation of Work:**

   The Port Medical Officer is notified of all alien passengers, including stowaways arriving in the port and arrangements are made for a Medical Officer to examine them onboard before they are allowed to disembark.

4a. **Nature and amount of Alien Traffic:**

The majority of alien passengers arriving in the port during the year are pleasure visitors using the new roll on/roll off ferry service from Scheveningen, Holland.

The total number of alien passengers arriving in the port during the year was 4,206.

4b. **Commonwealth Immigrants :**

Number of Arrivals	Number Medically Examined	Number Landed Conditionally
79	—	—

5. **Accommodation for Medical Inspector and Examination :**

Aliens and Commonwealth Immigrants are generally examined on board but accommodation is available at one of a number of clinics nominated by the Port Medical Officer or at the Port Health Authority premises, for the inspection of individual cases.

IMMIGRATION ACT, 1971

Commonwealth passengers arriving and leaving the port :

January – December, 1975

Arriving at the port ...	79
Departures	184

SECTION XVI — MISCELLANEOUS

Arrangements for the burial on shore of persons who have died on board ship from infectious disease.

Dead bodies of persons who have died on board from infectious disease would be removed to the Mortuary at West Lane Hospital, whence they would be disposed of.

RETURN OF CASES OF SICKNESS OR INJURY FOUND ON VESSELS ENTERING THE PORT

Arm Injury	1	Leg Pain	1
Arm Pain	1	Leg Paralysis	1
Back Complaint	1	Liver Compaint	1
Concussion	1	Malaria	2
Dental Abcess	1	Miscarriage	1
Dermatitis	1	Mumps	1
Diarrhoea	22	Pelvic Fracture	1
Ear Complaint	1	Post Appendicectomy Pains	1
Eczema	1	Renal Colic	1
Eye Complaint	3	Rib Injury	1
Eye Strain	1	Scabies	2
Finger Injury	1	Stomach Disorder	12
Gall Stone	1	V.D.	7
Head and Arm Injury	2		
Heart Attack	1		
Insomnia	2		74
Leg Injury	1		

Of the above, 16 were treated at Hospital or at the Clinic ; the remainder were treated on board or proceeded home.

CASES OF ILLNESS OR INJURY ON BOARD VESSELS REPORTED OR DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of Illness	No. of Cases	Remarks
Jan. 7	Duke of Yorkshire	Scheveningen	Concussion	1	Admitted to General Hospital
13	Port Alfred	Durban	Diarrhoea	15	Treated on board
15	Atomic	Zueitina	Stomach Disorder	2	Treated on board
Feb. 13	Boribana	Gothenburg	Mumps	1	Treated on board
			Leg Paralysis	1	Admitted to General Hospital
14	British Trent	Tuapse	Back Complaint	1	Treated on board
19	Laconic	Zueitina	Finger Injury	1	Treated at General Hospital
			Ear Complaint	1	Treated on board
19	Silvermerlin	Belfast	V.D.	1	Referred to Clinic
26	Petrel Shore	North Sea	Pelvic Fracture	1	Admitted to General Hospital
Mar. 6	River Benue	West Africa	Malaria	1	Admitted to West Lane Hospital
19	Atomic	Zueitina	Miscarriage	1	Admitted to Hemlington Hospital
24	Doric	Zueitina	V.D.	1	Referred to Clinic
			Liver Complaint	1	Treated on board
27	Titika	Rotterdam	Stomach Complaint	1	Treated on board
			Insomnia	2	Treated on board
			Eye Complaint	3	Treated on board

CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—continued

Date	Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of Illness	No. of Cases	Remarks
May 25	Mugla	Rotterdam	Gall Stone	1	Admitted to General Hospital
June 24	Post Challenger	Rotterdam	Stomach Disorder	1	Paid off and sent home
			Arm Injury	1	Treated at General Hospital
28	Otto Porr	Chicago via Montreal	Diarrhoea	7	Treated on board
			Leg Injury	1	Treated at General Hospital. Paid Off and Repatriated
July 26	Strathnaver	Port Said	Severe Stomach Disorder	6	Treated on board
Aug. 19	Sea Diamond	North Sea	Head and Arm Injuries	2	Treated on board
			Renal Colic	1	Treated on board
29	Axina	Rotterdam	V.D.	1	Referred to Clinic
			Post Appendicectomy Pain	1	Paid Off and sent home
Sept. 12	Falcondale	Dakar	V.D.	4	Referred to Clinic
13	Cross River	Port Harcourt via Hull	Eye Strain	1	Referred to Optician
15	Herstein	Larne	Stomach Disorder	1	Treated on board
15	Andriana	Lorenco Marques via Dakar	Dermatitis	1	Treated on board
			Arm Pain	1	Treated on board
			Leg Pain	1	Treated on board

CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—continued

Date		Name of Vessel	Where from	Nature of Illness	No. of Cases	Remarks
Oct.	1	Viva	Monrovia	Heart Attack	1	Died at Sea
	3	Jytte Bres	Gunness	Scabies	2	Treated on board
Nov.	19	Falabar	Lagos via Las Palmas	Malaria	1	Paid Off and sent home
	21	President Delcourt	Bayonne	Stomach Disorder	1	Treated on board
Dec.	10	Manchester Rapido	Spain via Felixstowe	Rib Injury	1	Admitted to General Hospital
	18	Fina Belgique	Immingham	Dental Abcess	1	Treated on board
	22	Polyviking	Port Dampier	Eczema	1	Treated on board

Concussion : M.V. Duke of Yorkshire arrived in the port on the 7th January from Scheveningen. One passenger was admitted to Middlesbrough General Hospital.

Gall Stone : M.V. Mugla arrived in the port on the 25th May from Rotterdam. One crew member was admitted to Middlesbrough General Hospital.

Leg Paralysis : M.V. Boribana arrived in the port on the 13th February from Gothenburg. One crew member was admitted to Middlesbrough General Hospital.

Miscarriage : M.V. Atomic arrived in the port on the 19th March from Zueitina. The Captain's wife was admitted to Hemlington Hospital.

CASES OF ILLNESS ON BOARD VESSELS—continued

Malaria : M.V. River Benue arrived in the port on the 6th March from West Africa. One crew member was admitted to West Lane Hospital.

M.V. Falabar arrived in the port on the 19th November from Lagos via Las Palmas. One crew member was paid off and sent home for treatment.

Pelvic Fracture : M.V. Petrel Shore arrived in the port on the 26th February from the North Sea. One crew member of the pipe laying barge " Cherokee " was admitted to Middlesbrough General Hospital.

Rib Injury : M.V. Manchester Rapido arrived in the port on the 10th December from Spain via Felixstowe. One crew member was admitted to Middlesbrough General Hospital.

CASES OF ILLNESS OR INJURY DEALT WITH BEFORE ARRIVING AT THE PORT

Heart Attack : M.V. Viva arrived in the port on the 1st October from Monrovia. One crew member died at sea on 17th September and was buried at sea on 19th September.

NATIONALITY OF FOREIGN VESSELS

Holland	753
Germany	532
Norway	242
Denmark	160
U.S.A.	71
Liberia	69
Greece	50
France	40
Sweden	30
U.S.S.R.	30
Panama	28
Eire	21
Cyprus	19
Singapore	18
Turkey	15
Japan	14
Belgium	13
Brazil	13
Nigeria	13
Spain	12
Finland	11
Italy	9
Poland	9
Argentina	6
India	5
Monaco	5
Somalia	5
Egypt	4
Bermuda	2
Malaysia	2
Pakistan	2
Bangladesh	1
German D.R.	1
Ghana	1
Iraq	1
Mauritius	1
Mexico	1
South Africa	1
Tanzania	1
Yugoslavia	1
	2,212

FOOD INSPECTION

FOOD AND DRUGS ACT, 1955

IMPORTED FOOD REGULATIONS, 1968

IMPORTED FOOD (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS, 1973

1. Regular container ship services use the port from Holland and bulk cargoes of cocoa beans and their products arrive from West Africa.

2. The inspection of foodstuffs under the above Regulations continues to occupy a considerable amount of the time of the Port Health Inspectors. 4,161 containers were inspected together with 24,493 tons of cocoa beans and their products.

Containerised foodstuffs consisted of Butter ; Cheese ; Cockles ; Colouring Powder ; Confectionery ; Cooking Fats and Oils ; Fish (frozen) ; Fruit (fresh, canned, dehydrated and pulp) ; Infant Food ; Lard ; Meats (canned and preserved) ; Rice ; Sago Starch ; Salt ; Sardines ; Soya Meal ; Sugar ; Tea ; Vegetables (fresh, dehydrated and preserved) ; Yeast Extract.

28 samples were sent to the Public Analyst for chemical analysis. Results in all cases were satisfactory.

THE DANGEROUS DRUGS ACT, 1965

DANGEROUS DRUGS (No. 2) REGULATIONS, 1964

THE POISON RULES, 1960–63

Authorisation was given to the Master of the following ship to obtain small quantities of dangerous drugs/lifeboat outfits :

No authorisation was given during the year.

PREVENTION OF DAMAGE BY PESTS ACT, 1949

Two rodent control certificates were issued during the year. All other coasting vessels arriving in the port were in possession of international deratting or deratting exemption certificates.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

DARK SMOKE (PERMITTED PERIODS) VESSELS REGULATIONS, 1958

During the year there were twelve instances of vessels emitting dark smoke during their stay in port. In each case the nuisance was promptly abated after warning had been given. In summarising the general emission of smoke, it is found the largest amounts of smoke fall in the category of dark smoke or less and the periods of emission are less than those allowed by the Regulations. When black smoke has been observed enquiries have revealed that the cause is principally due to mechanical breakdown. Fan adjustment or burners require changing.

Excellent co-operation by the Masters and Chief Engineers of vessels concerned has always been experienced and the cause of the nuisance is always immediately investigated with positive results.

TRADE STATISTICS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1975

COMPARATIVE SCHEDULE OF THE CLASSIFICATION OF VESSELS CLEARING THE RIVER TEES FOR THE YEAR ENDED 1975 & 1976

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority)

Net Registered Tonnage	1974	1975	Increase	Decrease
Under 500 tons	2,420	1,765	—	655
500 to 1,000 tons	1,081	1,017	—	64
1,000 to 2,000 tons	217	176	—	41
2,000 to 3,000 tons	130	136	6	—
3,000 to 4,000 tons	124	76	—	48
4,000 to 5,000 tons	88	88	—	—
5,000 to 10,000 tons	394	286	—	108
10,000 to 20,000 tons	79	63	—	16
20,000 to 30,000 tons	96	53	—	43
30,000 tons and over	72	77	5	—
	4,701	3,737	11	975

1975 shows a decrease over 1974 of 964 ships.

SHIP CLEARANCES FOR THE RIVER TEES DURING THE YEAR ENDED 31st DECEMBER, 1975

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority)

	Number of Vessels	Net Registered Tonnage
INWARDS:		
Coastwise	330	967,941
Europe	895	2,030,907
Beyond Europe	165	3,005,450
OUTWARDS:		
Coastwise	862	1,212,019
Europe	1,128	1,142,850
Beyond Europe	238	1,248,939
Vessels in and out light	108	231,108
New Vessels out light	4	34,243
Refuge	7	4,138
Tugs Towing	467	—
	4,204	9,877,595

IMPORTS INTO THE RIVER TEES FOR 12 MONTH PERIODS FROM 1972 TO THE 31st DECEMBER, 1975

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority)

TONNES

Commodity	1972	1973	1974	1975
Iron Ore	2,207,905	3,200,121	4,989,965	4,047,393
Ores, other ...	288,896	526,161	335,759	364,917
Iron and Steel ...	31,945	47,634	51,710	29,013
Machinery ...	48,440	85,758	85,309	87,844
Chemical Fertilisers	20,074	20,448	16,451	10,845
Chemicals, other	705,867	842,410	864,694	636,198
Petroleum Products	610,093	692,703	548,291	443,954
Crude Oils ...	10,854,618	12,044,990	11,093,442	6,988,894
Crude Fertilisers and Crude Minerals	306,481	336,367	234,292	267,079
Wood and Lumber	2,425	27,655	5,445	4,853
Provisions ...	107,130	88,318	115,201	117,376
Others	88,367	96,234	58,860	142,079
TOTALS	15,302,127	17,906,724	18,432,206	13,104,726

EXPORTS FROM THE RIVER TEES FOR 12 MONTH PERIODS FROM 1972 TO THE 31st DECEMBER, 1975

(Figures supplied by the courtesy of the Tees and Hartlepool Port Authority)

TONNES

Commodity	1972	1973	1974	1975
Iron and Steel	594,464	507,162	353,779	360,390
Manufactures of Metal	39,905	33,234	27,309	21,909
Machinery	60,819	52,831	60,238	86,165
Road Vehicles, etc.	6,365	9,491	10,872	17,435
Ores and Scrap	16,242	6,507	6,874	6,653
Chemical Fertilisers	108,299	117,607	128,104	95,524
Chemicals, others	1,012,007	1,325,364	1,337,909	1,015,523
Pitch	36,772	44,765	50,560	52,003
Petrol, Oils, etc.	3,279,374	3,664,559	2,950,184	3,762,057
Slag and Other basic materials ...	589,070	583,601	455,251	457,945
Other	133,605	151,147	162,352	182,578
TOTALS	5,876,922	6,496,268	5,543,432	6,058,182

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